

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

IN RE: VITAMIN ANTITRUST
LITIGATION

) MDL No. 1285

) Misc. No. 99-0197 (TFH)

) This Document Relates to:

) Nutra-Blend L.L.C. v. F. Hoffmann-La
) Roche, Ltd., et al., Civil Action No. 99-
) 3329 (W.D. Mo.)

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**NANCY MAYER WHITTINGTON, CLERK
U.S. DISTRICT COURT**

**(Proposed) ORDER GRANTING NUTRA-BLEND L.L.C.'S MOTION TO DISMISS
DEFENDANTS AVENTIS S.A., AVENTIS ANIMAL NUTRITION S.A., AVENTIS ANIMAL
NUTRITION INC., AND AVENTIS CROPSCIENCE USA INC.**

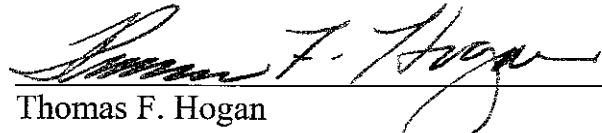
This matter being presented to the Court in connection with the unopposed motion of Plaintiff Nutra-Blend L.L.C. to Dismiss Defendants Aventis S.A. (formerly known as Rhône-Poulenc S.A.), Aventis Animal Nutrition S.A. (formerly known as Rhône-Poulenc Animal Nutrition S.A.), Aventis Animal Nutrition Inc. (formerly known as Rhône-Poulenc Animal Nutrition Inc.), and Aventis Cropscience USA Inc. (formerly known as Rhône-Poulenc Ag Company Inc. and Rhône-Poulenc Inc.),

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Second Amended Complaint in this action is dismissed with prejudice solely against Defendants Aventis S.A. (formerly known as Rhône-Poulenc S.A.), Aventis Animal Nutrition S.A. (formerly known as Rhône-Poulenc Animal Nutrition S.A.), Aventis Animal Nutrition Inc. (formerly known as Rhône-Poulenc Animal Nutrition Inc.), and Aventis Cropscience USA Inc. (formerly known as Rhône-Poulenc Ag Company Inc. and Rhône-Poulenc Inc.) each party to bear its own costs. This Order is

without prejudice to Plaintiff Nutra-Blend L.L.C.'s claims against any other Defendant or alleged co-conspirator in the above-captioned case.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: Aug. 8, 2002


Thomas F. Hogan
United States District Judge